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INSCOM Commander Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya (left) escorts Col. John M. Carr (right) and his wife Lois on the traditional last walk following his retirement ceremony. (U.S. Army photo by Sp5 Greg E. Mathieson)

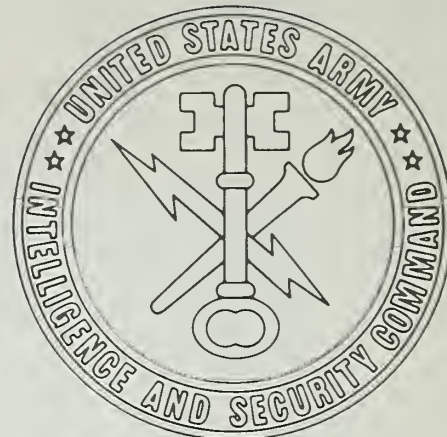
We at INSCOM say farewell to Col. John M. Carr who retired September 30.

Carr had been Chief of Staff since August 1977.

His military career included overseas tours in Korea, Germany, Thailand and Vietnam. When INSCOM was the Army Security Agency, Carr served with the Training Center and School, the 31st USASA Battalion and the 501st ASA Group. He also was commander of ASA's field stations at Udorn and Berlin.

In June 1976, Carr became chief of the Office of Plans and Programs. He was responsible for planning and implementing the Intelligence Organization and Stationing Study and overseeing INSCOM's transition to command status. After the transition, he became INSCOM's first Chief of Staff.

Carr lives in Annandale with his wife Lois. They have three children.



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This month

The month of November has two important holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. These two very different occasions both honor the spirit of courage and adventure. That theme runs throughout this issue.



Beginning on Page 2, you can read about the exploits of two brave youngsters who came to the rescue of two INSCOMers when their boat capsized during a storm.

Food comes to mind as Thanksgiving approaches and that's the subject of our article on Page 8. Torii Station is noted for its dining facility. This year one of their food service specialists, Sp4 Eric Pedersen has been selected to receive special train-

ing. Don't miss this story on the Army's continuing effort to improve its food service.



A group of adventurous soldiers from Field Station Berlin have taken up the sport of rappelling. Read about the ups and downs of this challenging hobby on Page 9.



An important part of the quality of life for INSCOM personnel is the quality of their living quarters. INSCOM Headquarters Support Detachment at Fort Meade recently opened their newly remodeled barracks. That story is on Page 12.

Share the pain and joy of the men of the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion who ran a grueling 720 miles in six days. The story of their longest six days begins on Page 15.

Our cover this month features three different aspects of a soldier's life in World War I. On the front cover, soldiers relax at the Y.M.C.A., while on the back cover an early aerial photographer scans the battlefield as the ground troops below recover the photographic plates. (U.S. Air Force Photos)



Two young children, Doug and Kathy Merrill (front), helped Maj. Bruce Johnson (left rear) and his father-in-law, Derrick Ross, salvage their sailboat when it was capsized by a storm. (U.S. Army photo)

Don't let their size fool you

Two children turned out to be friends in need for a member of INSCOM's Systems Exploitation Detachment at Fort Meade, Md., when his boat capsized during a sudden thunderstorm. Here's the way Maj. Bruce Johnson tells the story:

"Our pleasant sail down the Severn River was interrupted by an afternoon storm of the type that has given the Chesapeake Bay waters the distinction of being the most dangerous inland waterway estuary in the United States. As we arrived in the Round Bay area of the river, one hit us with little warning and startling ferocity.

"My father-in-law, Derrick Ross, and I were blown over by a combination of a large gust of wind and a building wave, which hit us head-on as we attempted to reach a protected harbor. We were clinging to the overturned hull of my 17-foot sailboat. As I surveyed the damage, I saw that the mast had snapped off and the steering assembly had washed away. Floating around us were sails, wires and other bits of wreckage and equipment which had escaped from the vessel's storage area. From our vantage point in the middle of the river, we were hit with three-foot waves while winds clocked at 80 miles per hour drove the rain into our faces like pellets. The wind and thunder made it almost impossible to think.

"About 45 minutes after we capsized, we were blown onto a sandbar which extended into the bay. We tried to pull the boat to shore. It was almost impossible with the wind and waves working against us. After a thirty minute struggle, we pulled the boat to the mouth of a protected cove. As we tried to right the boat, the storm ended. There was silence broken only by an occasional rumble from the departed storm. The river was flat and the winds calm.

Rescuers

"The next thing we heard was the sound of an engine moving across the cove in our direction. As the boat pulled up to us, I saw that it was piloted by a boy I judged to be about 11 or 12 years old. He told us he had watched our boat from the shore and alerted the Coast Guard. Now that the storm had ended, he had come out to see if he could help us get the boat into the cove. As we bailed some of the water out and started lashing ropes, wires, sails and mast pieces to the boat, I noticed the impressive way he maneuvered his boat to mine, secured the line and got underway for the tow. He talked about past storms on the river and how other boats had been caught during them.

"As we arrived at the dock, a Marine Patrol boat pulled up behind us. The patrolman told us that they had received four calls on us. After he left, our guide began to call out directions on how and where to maneuver our crippled craft to the dock. On the dock, two people I guessed to be his mother and younger sister threw lines down to us and started to pull our waterlogged boat to its temporary mooring.

"Our primary concern now was to get a ride to our own boat launch, bring the trailer back to the cove and find a boat ramp. The boy, Doug, knew of a ramp across the cove from the house and volunteered to tow the boat there. Meanwhile his mother got a friend to drive us back to our own car and trailer six miles away.

"An hour later, we returned with the trailer and were met by Doug and sister, Cathy. The four of us bailed out the boat, tied it to Doug's powered dingy and set off for the boat ramp.

"After getting the car and loading the boat, we returned our rescuers to their house more than four and a half hours after we were thrown into the water. If it hadn't been for Doug and Cathy Merrill, ages 10 and 12, respectively, we would have been much worse off emotionally and physically than we were."



Doug and Kathy Merrill demonstrate their towing technique. (U.S. Army photo)



Members and guests of the 766th MID board their tour boat for a day of sightseeing. (U.S. Army photo by SFC James H. Dean)

766th MID takes to the water

The 766th MID held their annual boat trip on Berlin's Wannsee Lake in August.

The tour sailed out of Wannsee Harbor and traveled north to Tegel, past the Grunewald Tower and other points of interest. After leaving Tegel, the tour boat went south, passing Freedom Bridge, Peacock Island and the East/West Border.

More than 80 766th MID personnel and their dependents and guests enjoyed the outing. Price for the day was about 8 DM for adults and 4 DM for children, which covered the rental fee for the tour boat and all the beer and soft drinks you could drink.

The group was serenaded by Lothar Gliese who sang German folk songs and played his accordion while they ate their picnic lunches and enjoyed the sights.

Weather conditions couldn't have been better for the tour. A cool breeze from the lake was complemented by the warm sunshine. Temperatures reached about 85 degrees in the afternoon.

The sun, the sights, the food, the music all combined to make an enjoyable day for all who attended.

Three from Torii Station win Army photo contest

"Rough Riding" by Sp4 Rory L. Eddings took the Best of Show Award during the 1980 All-Army Okinawa Photo Contest at Torii Station July 29.

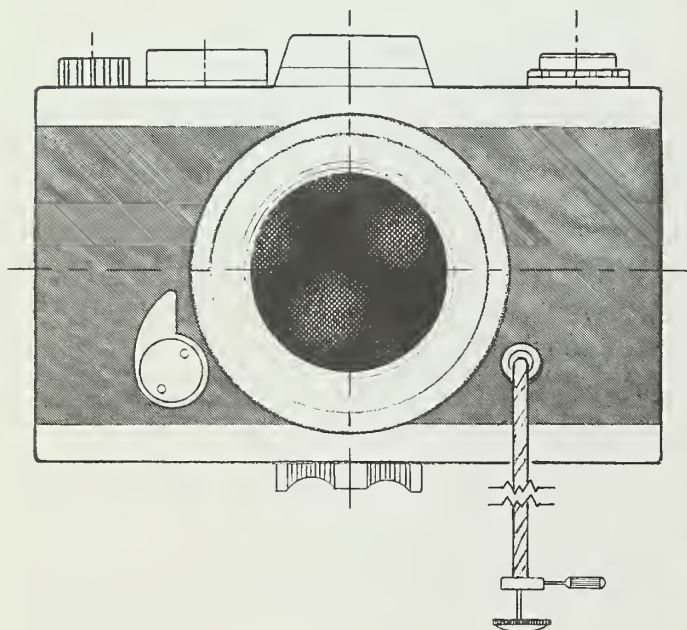
This photo by Eddings, a member of U.S. Army Communications Command Japan-Signal Battalion South (USACCJ-SBS), also took first place honors in the experimental category for monochromatic prints. First honorable mention in this category went to SP4 Mark S. Staudenmaier of USACCJ-SBS for his photo "In a Mind's Eye."

In the people category for monochromatic prints, Sp5 Mark R. Sybrant of the USACC Detachment at Torii Station took first place with an untitled portrait. Second place went to SFC Lawrence H. Carter of Operations Company at Torii Station for the "Koza Drumer." Carter also took third place in this category for the photo "Charlotte at Tsuken-Jima."

Staudenmaier with "Little Lost Dog" took first place in the general category for monochromatic prints. Eddings' "Flight of the Gull" came in second, while his "I pick this One" received second honorable mention. First honorable mention went to Carter for "Fern."



"Little lost dog"
(U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Mark S. Staudenmaier)





"Rough riding" (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Rory L. Eddings)



"Child in the window"
(U.S. Army photo by Sp5 Mark R. Sybrant)

In the general category for color prints, Eddings' "Don't Fence Me In" received first honorable mention, while Staudenmaier received second honorable mention for "Three's Company."

"Water Shelf" by Staudenmaier took first honorable mention in the scenic category for color prints. The second honorable mention in this category went to SFC Leon Bryson, Jr., of USACCJ-SBS for his "Pond Scene of Southwestern Paradise Okinawa."

In the experimental category for color prints, Staudenmaier received first honorable mention with "The Dock."

In the general category for transparencies, Eddings took first place with "Alex," while Staudenmaier received first honorable mention for "Cat up a Tree."

Eddings also took first place with "A Stroll" in the people category for transparencies.

SSgt. Thomas L. Gilman of Operations Company at Torii Station took first place with "Unfulfilled Dreams" in the scenic category for transparencies. Second place went to PFC Ronald M. Bergersen of Operations Company at Torii Station for "Lake Powell." Gilman also took third place with "One Winter Morning" and received second honorable mention for "Silver Wing." Eddings' "Kentucky Green" received first honorable mention.

Winners in the photo contest at the Torii Station Arts and Crafts Center will have their entries sent to Fort Bragg, N.C., for competition in the 1980 All-Army Photo Contest.

Make a joyful noise



The mid-day meal routine was livened up recently as the harmonious sounds of "Joyful Noise" played at Field Station Augsburg's Gablingen Dining Hall.

"Joyful Noise" consists of four field station members: Sp4 Barbara Schaub, Sgt. Marcel Hart, Sp4 Patricia Anderson and 1st. Lt. Michael Kelly.

"We played at the coffee-houses before, Kelly explained, "and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Snider, asked us if we would play.

The group describes their music as "inspirational," and draws tunes from the Bob Dylan type of folk music. (U.S. Army photo)

Tops in PLC

I set a goal — and do it

by Jim O'Connor

"I set a goal for myself to come out on top," related SP4 Michael Nicholson, an interrogator with the 18th Military Intelligence Battalion, "then I do it."

Nicholson, who just completed the four-week Primary Leadership Course (PLC) at the 7th Army Training Command's NCO Academy in Bad Toelz was the Honor Graduate.

"The course teaches you a lot about what you should know to be a good first-line supervisor," said Nicholson. "You learn how to deal with personnel problems tactfully and effectively."

After graduating first in his class in Basic Training in 1978, Nicholson went on to graduate first in his class in AIT at the Presidio of Monterey's Defense Language Institute, where he studied Polish, and second in his class at PLC. He also received the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership

Award from the academy for distinguishing himself in a leadership position.

"The course instructors treat you with a lot of respect," Nicholson explained. "You are treated like an NCO and expected to act like one. It's an excellent course for E-4s and E-5s, especially if they plan to make the Army a career."

The course teaches leadership, management skills, military courtesy, military justice, land navigation, and just about anything an NCO should know to be a good example of leadership, knowledge and soldiering.

"You learn a lot about the correct way to be a good leader and the correct way to deal with problems," Nicholson remarked. "The instructors don't expect you to go back to your unit and change everything. However, they do expect you to influence your subordinates and your peers."

Nicholson graduated PLC as a SP4 but is now on the E-5 promotion list.

FSA says olé

by Robert Hillman

Field Station Augsburg's Sheridan Recreation Center celebrated the Spanish and Puerto Rican cultures with free food and a dance contest.

The event was sponsored by the Sheridan Recreation Center and the Augsburg Hispanic Community.

Between 150 and 200 people attended the banquet, according to Sgt. Maj. Tony Valencia, one of the organizers.

Mexican and Spanish food featured tacos, burritos, arroz con pollo (spanish rice with chicken) and habichuelas (stewed beans).

Cooking for the event were Clara Valencia, Maria Garcia, Margret Trevino, SSgt. Lee Travino, Blanca Nieves, Zonia Mojica and Darma Rivera.

A Spanish film on the Mexican and Puerto Rican cultures was shown for entertainment.

The highlight of the evening was a dance contest featuring Puerto Rican and Mexican music.

Winners of the dance contest were Nelson and Angelica Matus and SFC Simon and Maria Garcia, respectively. The prize was \$10.

The event was held, according to Valencia, to expose the Augsburg soldiers and their families to Hispanic food and Mexican and Puerto Rican culture.

Valencia said that he has received many favorable comments on the event, and many people said they hope that the Augsburg Community sponsors similar events in the future.

Silver and gold battle for golf championship

by Lt. Col. Tom Middleton

Thirteen teams, composed of active duty military personnel representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force, took part in the Fort Meade Intramural Golf Program this year. Two leagues were formed and each team played the other teams in its league twice. Each match was worth six points. At the end of the season, the top two teams in each league played a single elimination tournament for the Post Golf Championship.

Before the end of the season, the two teams representing INSCOM established themselves as strong contenders for the championship. With two weeks of competition remaining, the INSCOM Silver Team clinched second place in the "B" League.

Roger Dingess, the Gold Team captain, has a strong team which

was the pretournament favorite, along with the Air Force team, to win the championship. Team members included Richard Hartzell, Robert Jachim, Jerry Litsinger, Robert Ladny, Richard Rodriguez, and Benjamin White.

In the "B" League, the Silver Team captain, Tom Middleton, stated, "We look forward to the playoff and the opportunity to do battle with our Gold Team. No matter what the result, INSCOM has been well represented. All of us have enjoyed the competition and the comradeship that has developed with other team members." The Silver Team includes Murray Watt, Mike Christensen, Dave Church, Kevin Casey, Jim Donaldson, Robert Moran, and Jim Hathaway. Andy Probst also contributed several good rounds, but is no longer eligible to participate due to his retirement.



The silver team (left to right, standing) Dave Church, Tom Middleton, Mike Christensen (kneeling Jim Hathaway and Jim Donaldson (U.S. Army Photo)

Family album

Who says Army chow isn't what it used to be?

A food service specialist from Torii Station was selected to participate in a hands-on training program at the Okinawa Hilton.

Sp4 Eric Pedersen from the Torii Station Dining Facility will participate in the training with Sp5 Richard D. Kinega from the Military Personnel Center, Korea, and Sp4 Kathy Parminster from the 25th Supply and Transportation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

These soldiers were selected from dining facilities that participated in the Twelfth Annual Connelly Awards competition for excellence in food service. The Connelly Award is cosponsored by the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency and the International Food Service Executive's Association to recognize excellence in Army food service operations. The participants in the hands-on training program were selected by Connelly evaluation teams during an inspection of their respective dining facilities in May.

A total of 15 Army food service personnel were selected worldwide to attend two weeks of hands-on training with civilian food service organizations. This aspect of the Connelly Awards program provides outstanding junior food service specialists the opportunity to further their education and career, while also giving them a fresh outlook toward their future and the incentive to excel in whatever food service area they are assigned.

The program also assists the Army in improving the quality of its food service operations. By learning the preparation of dishes in commercial establishments, the Army's food service specialists can pick up the essentials for improving the preparation for food and enhancing its appearance.

For Pedersen, a native of Rockford, Ill., attendance in the hands-on training is "an exceptional opportunity." As he sees it, "The training will be very useful wherever I decide to go in the food service field."

Sp5 Frank Pecunia-Vega of the Torii Station Dining Facility couldn't agree more. Last year, as a result of the Torii Dining Facility participation in the Eleventh Connelly Award competition, he attended the hands-on training at the Okinawa Hilton. Pecunia-Vega pointed out that the program is beneficial for junior food service personnel in the Army as a means of enhancing their career.



Sp4 Eric Pedersen prepares a taco. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Robert Buzolich)

Want adventure?

... try rappelling

by Sgt. Neil Dageforde

Some members of B Co., Field Station Berlin, have become a rappelling group. (Before we go any further, I should point out a subtle difference in the spelling of two words: rappelling, which is the art of lowering yourself from a high point to a low point with the aid of a rope, and repelling, which is the way you smell after rappelling in the summer. Now that we have that straight, we can continue with the story.)

On Saturday, June 14, 14 members of B Co., including one Marine here TDY for readiness training (REDTRAIN), left the sanctuary of Andrews Barracks and sought adventure in the wilds of McNair Barracks, (at least a 15-minute walk away). There under the tutelage of SFC William Key and Sgt. Mike January, they learned as much as they could about the art of rappelling. Both Key and January gained their proficiency in this mode of transportation through Special Forces training. Although the nickname "snake eaters" associated with Special Forces personnel did little to quiet the queasy stomachs of those who had never attempted such a feat, patience of Key and January overcame the natural fear which usually accompanies the first attempt at rappelling.

Everyone had a good time, (no broken bones, heart attacks, etc). The group spent about four hours enjoying and improving their newly discovered skills.

Key explained, "Rappelling is sort of like racquetball. You can learn the basics in five minutes but it takes lots of practice to be good."

After the exercise at McNair, everyone retired to the day room at B Co. to soak up some beer and sodas and to swap "war stories" about the adventure.

Rodney Rodriguez gained some valuable experience in the art of "used car sales" by finding 14 people and convincing them to "try it," you'll like it."

This activity was offered as part of B. Co.'s "quality of life" program, which offers a variety of ac-

tivities throughout the year. Rodriguez is to be commended on the amount of time and effort he spent gathering participants for the event, and special thanks is offered to Key and January for sharing their time, knowledge, and ability to make this a rewarding, enjoyable and safe outing.



It's a long way to the bottom for these amateur rappellers. (U.S. Army photo)

Appreciation Day in Panama

by Sgt. Elizabeth A. Barton

*'Twas the day for Appreciation Day, and all through the fort
They were saying, "470th's the place to carouse and cavort."*

*The soldiers were bedecked in jeans and shorts
Ready to participate in the fun and sports.*

*While the senior NCOs in their fatigues and the officers in their best
Had just settled down to "cover" for the rest.*

*Then out on the field there arose such a clatter
They jumped to the windows to see what was the matter.*



D. J. Hill plots his next pool shot. (U.S. Army photo by Paul D. Holman)



Seguismundo Pagan plays ping pong. (U.S. Army photo by Paul D. Holman)



Tom Gannon lays down the law to Sharon Childers as Clara Pagan and Leonard Pudlewski pay attention to the buffet. (U.S. Army photo by Paul D. Holman)

*Ten tiny fielders, all scattered in places
With people running all over the bases.*

*They say that Jay's Pistols won two games to zip—
Falcon's Censors sure gave them some lip!*

*A smorgasbord of goodies was laid out for the feast.
It suited your appetite, be you man or beast!*

*If pinball or ping-pong or pool was your game
Sp5 Hamon, Sgt. Falcon, and Sgt. Ramirez would've put you to shame.*

*The SGM was ambushed with a bucket of water;
Though after his "cooling off" he seemed only to get hotter.*

*Out on the volleyball court, Sp4 Schaeffer's team was the one to beat;
When the game ended there was fresh watermelon for everyone to eat.*

*I heard, as they left at the end of the day,
"Pick up some trash and take it to the dumpster, since you're headed that way!"*

Home sweet barracks

INSCOM commander, Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya, was joined by Brig. Gen. John A. Smith, Jr., Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Flynn and a host of commanders and section chiefs on July 25 to commemorate the official opening of Bldg. 2257, Snowden Hall, as the new home of INSCOM's Headquarters Support Detachment at Fort Meade, Md.

73 people

Located in the southeastern section of Fort Meade, Snowden Hall presently billets 73 personnel from a variety of units at and around the installation, including INSCOM's detachment, the 902d MI Group, the Central Clearance Facility, the Administrative Survey Detachment, the Special Operations Detachment, the Systems Exploitation Detachment, the Central Security Facility,



The new residents gathered to celebrate the renovation of Snowden Hall. (U.S. Army Photo)



A typical room in the refurbished barracks has all the comforts and conveniences of home. (U.S. Army photo)

the U.S. Army Criminal Investigative Division, the U.S. Army Communications Command, and the Intelligence Materiel Development and Support Office.

Transfer

The transfer of property and personnel began June 25 as the Headquarters Support Detachment started the arduous task of moving an entire company of soldiers as well as an orderly room, a dayroom and a PSNCO shop from one location to another one nearly a mile away. The relocation was not without its rewards, though, as anyone who has seen the previous living accommodations will verify. From March 1977 until the move, the men and women of the detachment lived in badly-outdated wooden barracks that lacked many of the modern



INSCOM commander, Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya, joins Sp4 Kathy Ballard in cutting the ribbon to officially reopen Snowden Hall. (U.S. Army photo)

conveniences of Snowden Hall, such as central heating and air conditioning, private bathrooms and, in general, living space. Snowden Hall, however, was no honeymoon suite. Many people contributed time and effort to renovate the building to its present state. Within a span of four weeks, the floors were stripped and waxed, rooms and offices were redecorated and three floors of walls, railings, baseboards and stairs were painted.

Ideal barracks

Snowden Hall now represents the ideal of enlisted billets. It offers numerous facilities, such as a game and day room, a TV room, a weight-lifting room, a music room and a laundry room complete with pool table and Fussball table to pass the time during the rinse cycle.



An honor guard stands at attention during the opening ceremony. (U.S. Army photo)



Col. Ira C. Owens (left) receives the colors from Lt. Col. John M. Bennis during the recent change of command ceremony at Field Station Okinawa. (U.S. Army photo by Bobby Mathis)

Owens takes command

Col. Ira C. Owens assumed command of U.S. Army Field Station Okinawa from Lt. Col. John M. Bennis August 5.

Owens, a native of Cortez, Colo., has had a long and distinguished military career in both staff and command positions. His previous assignment was in the Requirements Directorate for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

The new commander received his commission through the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1960. He has also earned a bachelor of arts degree in International Relations at Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., and a master of science degree in Public Affairs at Shippensburg State College, Shippensburg, Pa.

Accompanying the colonel are his wife, Josie, and their three children.

It's a family affair

Retention and recruitment are high priorities throughout the Army. The 11th MI Battalion, uses a unit of choice enlistment option, the INSCOM reenlistment option and a strong unit reenlistment program to keep up its strength.

During the last quarter, Headquarters Company has spearheaded the 11th's reenlistment program. HHC Commander, 1st. Lt. Dave Manki and 1st. Sgt. Felix Velasquez reenlisted all five eligible first termers and 3 of 3 careerists.

Manki takes his job seriously. He

took time out to commission his wife, Alice, as she entered active duty in the Army Nurse Corps. The new second lieutenant recently graduated from Towson State University with a degree in nursing. She will complete a six week orientation at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, before being assigned to Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Her husband is scheduled to complete an unaccompanied tour in Korea and then be transferred to Fort Huachuca for his Officer Advanced Course.

New POV limit

The Government of Panama (GOP) limits duty-free shipment of privately-owned vehicles (POVs) to one per family. GOP describes a POV as any motor vehicle used for transportation including, but not limited to, campers, vans, mopeds and motor bikes.

Your duty-free vehicle is that vehicle first registered with the Panama License Bureau, regardless of the date of entry into Panama. Personnel anticipating assignment to Republic of Panama should contact the local transportation office for more detailed information.

Best actor

by Sgt. Neil Dageford

Sp4 Robert Edwards of B Co., Field Station Berlin, was named "MSAD Best Actor" by the Moral Support Activities Division (MSAD).

Edwards received an award in recognition of the time and effort he contributed to the theater within the past year, as well as for his acting talent. He performed in two major productions by the MSAD, "Guys and Dolls" and "Berlin to Broadway."

Edwards expressed his gratitude for the recognition he has received as "Best Actor" but says he feels he is no more deserving of the award than many others who have put in a lot of time and effort to make the MSAD Theater a success.

"It's a real shame that people think it's a small theater and therefore not too good. This just isn't true. The production staff are truly professional people and know how to turn out a really polished presentation. I hope more people will take advantage of the excellent theater guidance that's available here."

Edwards took part in a melodrama presented at the Volksfest in August, and hopes to participate in the musical productions scheduled for December and March 1981.

The longest six days

by Maj. T. Kenneth Sano

Most soldiers run two or three miles a day for P.T. Some physical fitness buffs run 7 to 10 miles at a time and then there are those running enthusiasts who run 20 or 30 miles. But, could you imagine running 720 miles?

That's what the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion did. They covered 720 miles in their border-to-border run from northernmost Germany to the Austrian border.

The idea of a long distance run was that of Charles W. Hoefle. He first suggested a run from Kaiserslautern to the Group headquarters in Munich (a distance of "only" 260 miles).

I, however, thought that the goals should be set higher. I suggested that the battalion attempt to accomplish a "first" by running a 10-member relay team from the Danish to the Austrian border in five days.

15 miles per day

Each team member would run 15 miles per day in three five-mile increments, with about 45 minutes between runs.

Three drivers, also accomplished runners, would support the team and serve as a backup for the runners in case of injuries.

The command approved my concept and saw the challenge as an opportunity to enhance unit esprit-de-corps. It would also improve physical and mental toughness within the battalion and accomplish something no other military unit had ever attempted.

Last October, the 527th began planning the border-to-border run. In February, Glendon Arnold drove the selected route after doing a map study. During the test-drive we insured that the concept was valid and that the roads would be safe for the runners.

Billeting had been prearranged with German military units during the first three nights on the road and with the 502nd I&S Battalion during the last two nights. These arrangements would reduce expenses for the team members.

One down

A few days before the run, the team lost one of its runners, bringing the team to nine members. Therefore, the run was lengthened to six days rather than five, but the 15-mile per day, per man, requirement remained.

Although the team was on permissive TDY, food and billeting expenses had to be borne by the individual runners. Donna LeBlanc, the commander's secretary, raised 355 Marks through battalion raffles to help offset some of the expenses.

Mike Hammond of the Physical Therapy Department at Landstuhl Hospital, gave the team an hour class on prevention and care of running injuries.

Real punishment

Although the team had trained hard, they soon found they were not fully prepared for the punishment their ankles and knees would take running on the hard surface of the highways.

On the first day, they covered 138 miles. At the city of Stade, George Pompetzki and Bill Fisher were suffering from sore knees and feet. Fisher ran an additional five miles before being forced to retire from the run. Arnold logged 23 miles the first day, closely followed by Dennis Wilker with 20. On the second day, Pompetzki was forced to quit because of sore knees and returned home. Of the original nine starting runners, only six remained after the second day. Two replacements, Joe Mickler and Frank Cruz, brought the running strength back up to eight.

The toughest terrain was encountered on the third and fourth days through the area known as the Fulda Gap. Not only did the team face the challenge of the hills, but also the continued punishment of the pavement.

Before the end of the fourth day, Jim Washington was forced out because of Achilles tendon problems. However, he stayed with the team resting his Achilles on the fifth day with hopes of being able to run on the last day.

Day five was clear and cool, but windy. I was having pain in my left Achilles and Wilker had pain in both knees. We struggled 95 miles on the fifth day, which left us 13 miles north of the Augsburg city limits.

With sore muscles the team headed to the physical therapy department of the Army hospital in Augsburg for some much-needed repairs. After five days of running only Arnold, the oldest team member at age 47, Vince Taylor, Cruz and Henry Ballback remained healthy.

In planning for the last day's run, we decided that the remaining 105 miles should be broken up into 15-mile increments. Wilker felt he had only one start left in his legs. No one knew if Washington could complete

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Sgt. Bob Ellis (left) and Sgt. Stephen Sewell pose proudly with their trophy after winning the Morale Support Activities Division's annual Berlin Auto Rally. (U.S. Army photo)

by Sgt. Neil Dageforde

The Morale Support Activities Division (MSAD) held its annual Berlin Auto Rally recently. Thirty teams were entered representing various units in Berlin. The course covered approximately 40 kilometers over the back streets of the American Sector. Target time for the course was 60 minutes. Two driver-navigator teams represented B Co., Field Station Berlin.

The team of Staff Sergeants "Cookie" Sewell and Bob Ellis took second place by virtue of a flat tire. The Sewell-Ellis team finished the course in 59 minutes, tying the Brigade G-1 team for second place.

A "sudden-death" tire change provided the surprise tiebreaker.

As navigator Ellis relates it, "I had a real problem. Cookie's jack was rusty and the navigator from the G-1 team had us beat hands

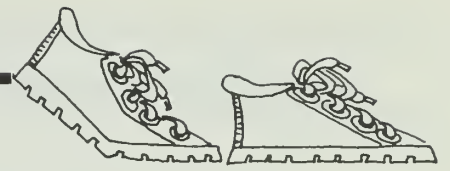
down. Then they let their car down and it went clear to the ground on a flat tire."

Sewell and Ellis plan to stage another rally in conjunction with INSCOM DAY festivities. They expect a little more competition from the other B Co. team of SSgt. Liz Saari and Sgt. Paul Shaffer. Saari will have a better chance this time if she can get Schaffer to read the instructions ahead of time. (It seems he ignored a checkpoint last time and their finish was a bit less than spectacular.)

It has been said that a good time was had by all, but probably the best time was had by the winners, the Tempelhof Air Force team, who took first place with a perfect time of 60 minutes.

If you're familiar with the back streets of Berlin, I'm sure you'll agree that congratulations are in order to everyone who even finished the course.

Flat tire spells disaster



Fletcher wins chess tourney

All-Army Interservice chess champion Sp4 Michael Fletcher of 1st Operations Battalion, Field Station Augsburg, swept five straight games to capture the 1980 USAREUR chess championship recently held at the Coleman Morale Support Activity in Mannheim, Germany.

A 27-man field of military chess experts eagerly matched strategy and tactics in the USAREUR championship tourney sponsored by the Morale Support Center of 1st PERSCOM. MSgt. Verner Pfeuffer of the 5th Signal Command in Worms served as tournament director for the competition.

Fletcher, a United States Chess Federation (USCF) master, made an impressive USAREUR

debut with his sharp eye and over-the-board tactical skill.

Sp4 Gregory Dudek, also of the 1st Operations Battalion, was the second highest USCF player in the tournament. Dudek was a member of the victorious All-Army chess team in 1979. Dudek won his first three games before being defeated by tournament victor Fletcher in the fourth round.

Dudek and Fletcher were both chosen to attend the Department of the Army chess tournament at Fort Meade, Maryland. They also played in the American Legion's "Hall of Flags" in Washington, D.C.

FSB marches at Nijmegen

by Sgt. Neil Dageford

Thirteen members of B Co., Field Station Berlin, participated in the 64th annual Nijmegen March. This annual event is held in and around the Nijmegen, Holland, area. They marched 200 kilometers (approximately 120 miles), in four days.

There were three separate categories of entry in the Nijmegen March: Military, Civilian Group and Individual. The military entries marched 60 km. in uniform with a weapon and back pack. The civilian groups and individuals were allowed to dress as they pleased but had to march 200 km.

Medals

Medals were awarded to everyone who completed the march. In addition, a team medal was awarded to each military and civilian group which had 90 percent of its starters finish the march. Once a person or team had been awarded the basic medal, there were consecutive year attachments which could be added to the basic medal.

Participants in the march represented 31 different nations, including such faraway lands as Japan, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and the U.S., as well as the European nations. A total of 18,141 marchers started the march with 16,592 finishing the four-day ordeal. One hundred seventeen women attempted the 200 km. march.

Eleven members of the B Co. team beat Nijmegen and completed the march. Unfortunately, the team

suffered two minor setbacks to their original plan. They applied a little too late to enter as a military group and two men did not complete the march due to medical problems. While not getting to march in uniform carrying a back pack and weapon may not have been too disappointing, the team was unable to qualify for the team medal. Each member, however, received the individual medal.

The people who represented B Co. were Lewis Chapin, Vicky Huss, Chuck Anthony, Chris Chenard, Donald Lader, Dan Jennings, Ron Jefferies, Mark Leppert, Diana Pike, Lorna Snowden, Rodney Rodriguez, Cathy Ross, and Cathy Stafford.

The group had a variety of opinions concerning the Nijmegen March. The most commonly heard comments include, "it's a fantastic experience. You have the opportunity to meet so many people from such a wide variety of places. This alone makes it worthwhile." Another common response is, "Wow, I made it! Sure, it hurt, but I feel good about myself now that it's over."

When Chapin was asked his opinion and if he planned to attend next year, his comment was, "It's 120 miles of pain, one step at a time. I wouldn't do it again if you paid me." Huss had a much different outlook. When asked about the march she replied, "Yeah, it was a great time. The atmosphere is really fantastic. The people who live along the route sit outside to watch the marchers go by. They are all so friendly. They often presented flowers to the marchers, as well

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66th MI goes to tourney

by P. J. O'Connor

The HQ, 66th Military Intelligence Group Softball Team A advanced to the Southern Bavaria tournament after beating the 534th Signal Company and winning both the Munich and Alpine Championships.

The Headquarters team, led by player-coach Don Hall, had an outstanding season, winning 13 games and losing only three.

The 66th also won the Munich and Alpine Regional titles last year. Returning from that winning team are Hall, Jerry Kirk, Marvin Roy, Earl Jones, Rick Purdue, Ed Benson, and William Marki.

New players on this year's team include: Cliff Heisler, K. P. Monroe, Sanders Herring, Gene Ching, Juan Navas and Robin Henschell, who is the only female

to play in the Southern Bavarian tournament.

"Robin plays second base and outfield. She carries her own weight," Hall said. "I'm not afraid to put her in any defensive position."

"Jerry Kirk is the power hitter of the team and is leading us in home runs," continued Hall. "Also Juan Navas has saved the day on many occasions by coming up with some clutch-hits and runs batted in."

Jones did an outstanding job pitching, taking over from Pete Hoffman of RMS, who departed late in the season for reassignment.

Although the team has more players than required, everyone plays. The reason for the extra players is that almost half of the team is made up of shift workers who are not available for every game.

The following players were also selected for the Munich Communi-

ty All Star team: Hall, Kirk, Roy, Jones, Purdue, Navas and Benson.

After clinching the Munich Community and Alpine Regional titles, the team traveled to Augsburg to compete in the Southern Bavaria Tournament.

The roof caved in on the 66th in the bottom of the fifth as three S&M hitters got home runs, one also bringing in another runner jumping the score to 11-3.

The last two innings saw no action as the 66th gave up all hope of winning the game.

In the next game against Neu-Olm, the 66th got serious. Kirk and Navas led the team to a 19-4 victory.

The 105th Finance Company of Augsburg took away all hopes of winning the title in the last game, though, by beating the 66th 14-7.

Although the 66th lost the Southern Bavarian Championships, they still had a great season.

The ordeal is over

by Robert W. Hilman

Thirty-five people from Field Station Augsburg and 20 members of its German sister unit, ANBw Dez I/8, have earned the German Proficiency Award. The competition ended May 21 when Brig. Gen. Klaus Kuhnke, chief of the German Federal Armed Forces Intelligence Office (FAFIO), presented medals to those who successfully completed the grueling ordeal.

Field Station Augsburg won a double victory by being the first U.S. unit in southern Germany to win the award as a unit, and by having the first two Field Station women, Sp4 Linda Lloyd and Sgt.

Beverly McCoy, to successfully complete the competition.

Frau Christine Klaiber, a German civilian working with the German Army, became the first female civilian to win the award.

The Proficiency Badge is similar to the Army's Expert Infantry Badge and must be earned by qualifying in such events as pistol competition, first aid training, broad jump, shot put, the 100-meter dash, 5,000-meter run and the 20-kilometer forced march.

Participants have 12 months to complete all the events.

Of the original 37 FSA personnel who started the competition last October, 25 successfully completed all the requirements.

The big question is, "why would anyone put himself/herself through so much physical strain?"

"I thought it would be a good experience to work with the Germans," said Lloyd, one of the first American women to win the Proficiency Medal. "I thought that it would be a challenge."

The German Proficiency Award competition at FSA began in 1979 based on the initiative of Lt. Col. Klaus von Criegern, chief of FAFIO, Section I/8 (ANBw Dez I/8) who wanted to enhance German-American relations.



The cost of alcoholism

by Capt. Thomas R. Streater

"How much does it cost?" is the question asked most frequently when one makes a purchase in today's world of inflation. But, when we speak of cost and its relationship to alcohol abuse, we must not only think of the monetary value, but also the social and economic ramifications and health hazards associated with abuse.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "A drink once in a while does not harm a healthy person. However, even a few drinks deprive some tissues and cells of needed oxygen. Alcohol can affect the liver, brain and heart. Its continued use can also result in brain damage and poor memory, judgment, and learning."

It is the continuous consumption of alcohol that constitutes alcohol abuse. Current figures indicate that 100 million, or nearly half of all Americans drink. Ten million, or one in 10, are problem drinkers. The economic cost associated with this number of problem drinkers totals nearly \$42.75 billion. This figure includes the cost of health care systems, law enforcement and judicial costs, the unemployment and the general welfare. Not included in this amount is the actual money spent on alcohol itself.

Although figures are used quite often to present a clearer picture of alcohol-associated problems in our society, there are really no known dimensions for accurately measuring the number of individuals afflicted by alcoholism. Authorities estimate 5 to 10 percent of the workforce has a drinking problem. Only 7 percent would fall into the category of the skid row derelict. The remainder are family men and women, like your neighbors.

Certainly it is apparent that alcohol is no respecter of economic or social position. Ever present from the White House to the Poor House, its damaging effects are quite apparent to each of us. Consider the following percentages as they relate to alcohol-related incidents:

FATAL ACCIDENTS	50%
ADMISSION TO MENTAL INSTITUTION	37.4%
FIGHTS IN THE HOME	56%
CHILD ABUSE	60%
MURDER	64%
ASSAULT	41%
RAPE	34%
SUICIDE	30%

Can we really afford the cost?

Border to border

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a 15-mile stretch, but he wanted to try. Pompetzki had heard that the team was hurting and was short on runners, so he arrived to lend support for the last day. A quick recomputation showed the team would now have to run only 13-mile intervals. Everyone decided it would be best to do it all at once without a rest.

The last day

The last day dawned as clear as the previous five. Start time was 8:30 a.m. to allow plenty of time to finish. All eight runners would be dropped off at 13-mile increments. The last runner would stop at the southern city limits of Mittenwals, two miles from the border, to wait for the remaining runners. From there, the team would run the last two miles together.

Rocky Rodriguez, Doug Hudson, and Tom Quintarelli arrived to reinforce the team. They each ran nine miles on the last day. Their arrival was unexpected and a real morale booster.

At Mittenwald, the team was met by Col. Roy Davis, Director of Operations, 66th MI Group and then acting deputy commander. He accompanied the team the last two miles to the border and extended congratulations to each team member.

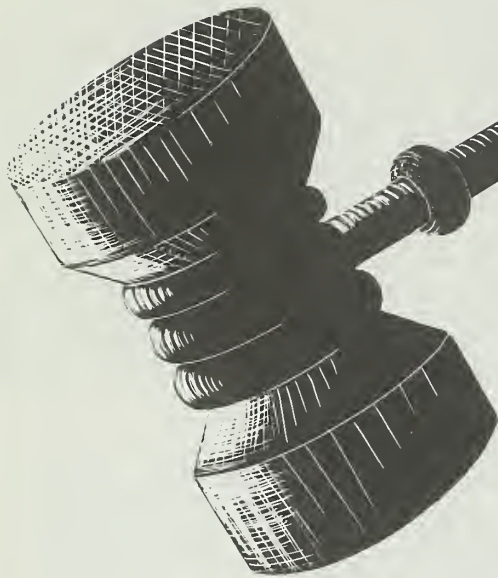
In retrospect, the hard surface, not the hills or the distance covered, was our worst adversary. The team's goal was achieved. We ran border to border as a unit, to enhance unit pride and morale, and to accomplish another first.

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as offering water, encouragement and first aid to those who needed it. I intend to go back next year, but I really hope we can make it a military team next time. This year, due to continuous rain, we marched in yellow rain suits and were just part of the masses."

When asked if she had any advice for next year's participants, she said, "Yes, I think the faster you walk, the better. It doesn't hurt so long that way."

Legally speaking



Check your rights before you sign

By Maj. Karl R. Meyer

After beating the bushes in your new place of assignment, peering at "FOR RENT" signs until your eyes blur, measuring rooms to make sure furniture fits and estimating cleaning chores, it is tempting to celebrate when you find your ideal rental residence and to sign the offered lease without reading it thoroughly right down to the last word of the last line. Signing any document without close inspection is taking one heck of a big risk!

A lease is the landlord's contract. It is prepared by him or his attorney and is obviously weighted in his favor. Even if the lease is "fair" it could contain restrictions that you can't live with. Many leases are filled with legal language and say some things several different ways, in separate paragraphs, just to make sure the renter/lessee is bound. In spite of the magic language and the multiple terms it is possible for the average person to read and understand this contract. If you do not understand the terms of your lease, or if you have doubts about the landlord's explanation of certain parts, take it to your legal assistance officer for an interpretation.

Many forms

Leases may be written or oral. When written, there is usually a specific rental period covered and, usually, it will provide for written notice of termina-

tion. An oral agreement usually covers rental by the month. Either the renter or the landlord can terminate the contract by giving the other party 30 days notice.

Terms of the lease (the rules set by the landlord) may also be changed in the same manner. To be safe, always put a termination notice in writing so that there is no question as to when the final rent payment is due. (The landlord should also give written notice of eviction.) Almost every state recognizes oral rental agreements to be binding. The problem with an oral agreement, of course, is that a landlord can plan or promise a great deal and then "forget" the terms after the renter moves in.

Know your terms

For any kind of lease, here are the items that should be understood thoroughly and settled to satisfaction of all before signing or completing the agreement:

Be sure of the term of the lease. Usually a lease or contract for one year or more has to be in writing in order to be enforced. Even if the rental is for a shorter time, it is best to reduce the understanding to a written document.

When the original rental period expires, will the tenant rent from month to month or does the lease automatically renew for an entire new period?

How much notice is required to move out without financial liability? How much notice must the landlord give to terminate the agreement?

Is there a clause saying the renter waives his right to legal terms or even an eviction? There might also be a confession of judgment clause, which waives the right to appear in court during any legal proceeding.

Are there restrictions concerning pets or children, or furniture, such as a piano or waterbed?

Is there a prohibition against loud noise after a certain hour?

What is the landlord's liability for injuries in the hallways or common areas? Is the renter liable for such accidents? Often landlords limit their liability in this respect.

Is there a cost-escalator clause that allows the landlord to pass on rising expenses for fuel, utilities, taxes, maintenance and capital improvements?

Must the renter belong to a community group? If so, what are its rules? Who pays the dues? Are these dues in addition to the rental payments?

Is there a penalty if the rent payment is delayed in reaching the landlord? Where must the rent be paid?

Does the landlord or his agent reserve the right to enter and inspect the property at any time without the knowledge or consent of the renter?

Usually, there is a prohibition against subletting the property. The renter who signs the lease is the one who is ultimately responsible for rent payments, no matter who is living in the property. If a move is necessary before the lease expires, the renter is liable for the rent for the unused time. Even if he is evicted, the landlord can sue for the amount of lost rent.

Who is responsible

Who is responsible for maintaining the appliances? Washer and refrigerator repairs can be expensive! Who maintains the lawn, shovels the snow and trims the hedge? Does the lease specify any other repairs or maintenance that the renter must perform? Who pays the utility bills?

Can the renter redecorate, and who pays for materials and labor? Many leases prohibit driving nails into the walls, much less repainting.

What deposits are necessary before the renter moves in? Be sure to understand what the various payments are for and which are refundable. Usually, a security deposit is required. This amount is held until the renter leaves and necessary repair and cleaning costs are deducted from it before the balance is refunded.

Does the lease call for the landlord of a furnished apartment or house to provide an inventory of the furniture and a statement of its general condition?

Be sure to inspect the property before signing the lease. Run the dishwasher to make sure it works. Be sure the faucets don't leak. Flush the toilets, check the water pressure and the water heater. Be sure there are written directions for furnace operation and appliance maintenance.

Normally, the terms of a lease are negotiable. That is, a renter does not have to accept the contract as written. If something is unfavorable, object to the term and rewrite it. Always be sure to add a "military clause" if it is not already included. A military clause allows you to terminate a lease if you receive military orders and are transferred from the area. This clause should provide that there will be no penalty for early termination of the lease and that all deposits will be returned as though the lease had run the full term.

In many jurisdictions, there is a "warrant of habitability" under state statute that assures a tenant that leased premises will be suited for the purpose intended. If not, the tenant may abate the rent in proportion to the loss of use.

Get the best deal

Obviously, you should negotiate as many favorable clauses as possible and strike out as many of the unfavorable ones as the landlord will allow.

Your Legal Assistance Officer will be glad to review a lease and point out possible pitfalls. It is always better to be informed of obligations *before* they are assumed. Don't be tempted to lease that "perfect place" without a close reading and a *complete understanding* of your legal obligations.

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